

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of all grounds of objection and rejection, and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-25, as shown above, remain pending herein.

The Abstract of the Disclosure was shortened to 120 words in length to overcome the objection thereto (no more than 150 words).

Applicant has substituted section headings in accordance with the Examiner's request.

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Mankovitz (U.S. 5,949,492). Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of rejection.

Applicants have clarified that in the present invention the removable card runs an *independent application* on its processor, and the host also runs an *independent application* on its processor. An agent program is downloadable from the removable card and runs on the processor of the host device. The agent program controls communication between the **independent** application running on the processor of the removable card and an **independent** application running on the processor of the host device.

In contrast to the claimed invention, Mankovitz is cited at column 45, lines 3-28 as allegedly disclosing the downloading of an agent program that runs on the processor of the device. However, Applicants respectfully submit that the "agent program" is an agent algorithm commonly referred to as "spy software." This software does not provide communication between two independent application programs, but rather records keystrokes and user preferences that use artificial intelligence to "learn" about the particular radio stations the user listens to, the normal time that the user typically listens

to the radio, and the type of music that is being listened to. Mankovitz does not teach that there are two independent applications that are communicating via the agent algorithm described in the disclosure. Nor does Mankovitz disclose at column 45, lines 3-18 that the agent algorithms are downloaded from its Passkey card, and is silent in that regard.

Furthermore, Mankovitz does not disclose or suggest at column 3, lines 58-63 that the plurality of agent programs are downloaded to the host device and run by the host processor to control communications.

Finally Mankovitz fails to disclose or suggest at col. 46, line 59, to column 47, line 7 that an agent program runs on a processor of the host device and controls communications between the independent application running on the processor of the removable card and an independent application running on the processor of the host device.

Applicants respectfully submit that at columns 46 and 47 Mankovitz discloses that the Passkey card *translates* communications between a device and a host (from device signal format to TCP/IP for communication from the device to the host, and from TCP/IP to device signal format for communications from the host to the device (such as those shown in Fig. 64).

Thus, the translation is occurring *in the Passkey data translator, which controls the communication*. The host in Mankovitz does not download the Passkey data translator. Therefore, it cannot be said that the host in Mankovitz downloads an agent program to be run in the host that controls communications between two independent programs.

Furthermore, the Passkey translator is translating communications between a host and a device. In the presently claimed invention, the agent program, when downloaded to the host, controls communications between two independent applications, one application residing and operating on the removable card, and the other application residing and operating on the host.

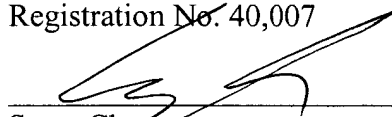
For at least the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that none of the instant claims are disclosed by Mankovitz. Applicants also respectfully submit that an artisan would not have found any of the instant claims to have been obvious in view of Mankovitz at the time of invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection are respectfully requested.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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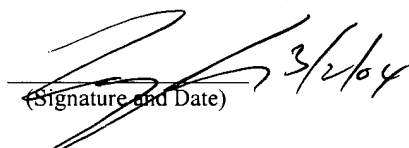
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